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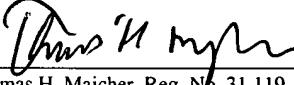
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant submits for the Examiner's consideration the attached PTO Form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of each of the listed references also is enclosed.

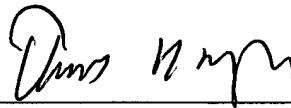
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The references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicant respectfully petitions the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement. As the Applicant has not received a first Office action for the '254 application, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and it is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that this paper should cross in the mail with a first Office action, the Applicant hereby petitions the Office to consider the Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 1.97(c).

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